

The U.S. Department of the Treasury

# **Wants You to Know About a Fast and Safe Way to Receive Your Federal Income Tax Refund**

**DIRECT DEPOSIT** has been available for almost 25 years and is a safe, reliable, and convenient way to receive Federal payments.

Now you can use IRS **e-file** to file your federal income tax return. IRS **e-file** in combination with **DIRECT DEPOSIT** provides the fastest and safest way to receive your income tax refund each year.

Statistics prove that IRS **e-file** and **DIRECT DEPOSIT** mean faster refunds and fewer errors. The filing error rate for IRS **e-file** is less than 1%. And, recipients are 26 times less likely to have a problem receiving their refunds by **DIRECT DEPOSIT** than with a paper check. If a problem does occur, it can usually be resolved in 24 hours, compared with an average of 14 days for a check problem.

With **DIRECT DEPOSIT**, you can avoid undeliverable checks returned to the post office and the possibility of lost, stolen, or forged checks. Last year, there were 102,000 taxpayers who had their checks returned as undeliverable due to an incorrect mailing address. You'll not have to make a special trip to the bank to cash or deposit your refund or stand in line once you get there. Your refund money will be in your account regardless of your busy schedule, bad weather, illness, or travel.

## Your Choices for Filing Your Taxes

### ● Options:

1. Through a professional tax preparer.
  2. On your personal computer using tax preparation software.
  3. Over the telephone using TeleFile for eligible taxpayers who receive a TeleFile tax package and have access to a touch-tone phone.
- Form 1040 - you can still use a paper return.
  - VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) sites provide free tax preparation assistance. Call 1-800-829-1040 for your nearest site.

## Your Choices for Receiving Your Refund

- **DIRECT DEPOSIT** to your account.
- A check in the mail.

## How You Get Your Refund by Direct Deposit

Indicate on the refund portion of your electronic return or your Form 1040:

- Your financial institution's routing transit number
- Your account number
- The type of account you have - Checking or Savings

**To Check the Status of Your Refund**

Call TeleTax

**1-800-829-4477**